



Telecommunication Solution Providers

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Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commissions
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Comments in support of ITA's request for certification to coordinate and certify frequencies in the power, railroad and automobile emergency radio services. (RM-10687)

Dear Sir:

Lockard & White, Inc. a telecommunications engineering firm and solutions provider currently provides services, including licensing support services, for firms in the railroad, utility, petrochemical and business radio services. Over the last five years L&W has seen a significant improvement in the quality of service, speed and cost effectiveness of the services provided the frequency coordination community. This improvement in service and cost effectiveness we believe is a direct result of the competitiveness introduced in the coordination arena by the FCC.

As a firm that deals with all the eligible coordinators our experience with ITA has been exceptionally positive. The responsiveness is the best we have seen from any of the approved coordinators and their attention to detail and professionalism is second to none. ITA already serves the railroad, utility and automobile emergency services industries by providing coordination for frequencies outside the designated pools. ITA has demonstrated its effectiveness and responsiveness as a coordinator in providing coordination in the 800 MHz band. The success of the competition in coordination at 800 MHz should be a model that is now moved to other bands and clearly ITA has the systems, the personnel and the competence to coordinate frequencies, across all bands and across all geographic boundaries. Further, contrary to the misinformation being distributed to the utility community by UTC, ITA is not seeking to expand eligibility for the channels, they are simply seeking to introduce true competition in the coordination process. And we believe the information sharing provided by ULS and required in the coordination process provides ample opportunity for coordinators to review and comment on proposed coordinations.

Lockard & White, Inc. (L&W) supports ITA's request in this matter and believes that the wireless industry will be better served by the introduction of true competition in the coordination of these channels. L&W believes that the speed of service to the users will increase, the cost will decrease and that competition will lead to new and innovative service offerings to the user community as a result of the Commission's favorable action on ITA's request in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marcus J. Lockard".

Marcus J. Lockard, P. E.
President